By virtue of this pardon, Wells was, by order of the marshal of the District of Columbia, conveyed and received into the Penitentiary; but being "duly informed by counsel learned in the law that the said pardon is absolute, and the condition invalid," he prayed the writ of habeas corpus might issue to bring him before the court, so that if it should be found that his confinement is illegal and contrary to law, he may be discharged from his imprisonment.

Yesterday morning, in answer to the order of the court, the Warden of the Penitentiary appeared, bringing with him William Wells, the convict, into the room.

Mr. Charles L. Jones, the counsel for the pri soner, proceeded to argue the case before their honors, Justices Morsell and Dunlop. He spoke for more than two hours, contending that, according to the constitution of the United States, the pardoning power, as vested in the President of the United States, is absolute, and unfettered by any r-strictions or conditions; the second article of the second section of that instrument, reading thus: 'and he shall also have the power to grant reprieves and pardon for offences against the United States, except in cases of impeachment. He examined the constitutions of the several States, for the purpose of showing that in all of them, excepting South Carolina, the clause giving the pardoning power to the respective Gove nors is similar to that in the Constitution of the United States with reference to this subject-absolute without the right to impose restrictions. He quoted from legislative as well as judicial authorities in support of his positions.

Mr. Key, for the United Sataes, replied, contend ing that from 1820 until 1852, the time when the sentence of Wells was commuted, the whole series of decisions by the Attorneys General-Wirt, Grundy, Mason, and Crittenden-confirmed the power exercised by President Fillmore; and that Chief Justice Marshall had decided the very points on which the court was now asked to take action. The President possesses the power, and has exercised it, of mitigating the punishment of persons sentenc d to death by order of a court martial either in the army or the navy; and he was justified in doing so in the case of Wells, on the principle that the greater power, to pardon, involved the less, to mitigate the punishment.

The arguments having been concluded, the court adjourned; reserving its decision for a future

The Public Health.-The Mayor of Washington has issued a proclamation with reference to nuisances and the health of the city, quoting various extracts from the law + of the Corporation which he says he is determined to enforce. There fore, housekeepers, storekeepers, builders, and others, are notified of what they may anticipate in the event of infractions, by them, of the municipal

The commissioners of the several wards have been directed to so arrange their districts that a hings and stores, at least once a week, upon specified days, to be made known by the commissioner to those interested. It is suggested that the rubbish and offal designed to be removed be kept on the premises, in boxes or barrels, at or near the alley gate; and, should there be no alley in the rear or on the side of the premises, then, on the specified days, the rubbish, etc., be placed at the Any child can use it with perfect ease. curbstone in boxes or barrels, for the convenience of removal.

The law from which the above is a provision was passed two or three years ago; but heretofore it has been a dead letter on the statute-book. We trust that it may be revived, and, in the language of the Mayor, "rigidly enforced," without respect to persons; for the public health requires that the streets and alleys be kept free of such offensive marter as may poison the atmosphere, and thus generate disease.

For the information of housekeepers we will add, that "notices for the commissioners of the several wards, in relation to this subject, may be deft at the several magistrate's offices, or delivered to the police officers, or transmitted to the Mayor's

Fishing.-The lovers of angling are now en joying themselves in the neighborhood of Washington; the waters of the Potomac, so well supplied with fish, attracting them to that beautiful river. Many an old sportsman in this line, supplied with the best of tackle, and provided with a large basket, which he is sure to fill with the pis catorial treasure-and many a youthful amateur displaying but indifferent contrivances for catching his prey-may be seen every day en rou'e for the numerous good fishing places. We suspect "the schoolmaster" has more absences to note now than he had a month ago; before the rock, perch, and herring began to "bite" at the deceptive bait Some of the juveniles, however, are not choice in their selections, resorting to the canal for their supplies of cat-fish and other stray spoils, including eels. A knowledge of the fact that they were "hooked" in that common sewer would not sharpen the appetite for a surfeit of that descrip tion of food; or, at least the American epicure would not particularly desire such a dish.

Electioneering .- Both the Know-nothings and the anti-Know-nothings are arousing themselves for the municipal contest, to take place on the first Monday of June next; and nominations have already been made by these respective parties, though but few of them have been publicly announced. General McCalla, it is said, will be the candidate of the Knownothings for the office of City Collector while it seems to be pretty well understood that the present occupant of that responsible post, Mr. R. J. Roach, will be in the

The Hon. Henry A. Wise, after being in this city for several days, left Washington yesterday morning for Martinsburg, Virginia, whither he proceeded to fulfil an oratorical appointment for the afternoon. He has, we learn, only three or four more speeches to make, when he will rest from his severe political labors, and await the result of the Gubernatorial contest, which will take place on the 24th instant.

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Circuit Court .- Within the last eighteen onths, the case of Dr. J. F. May against Mr. Selby Scaggs, has been thrice tried. On two occasions the juries were unable to agree; but yesterday, after an absence of about five minutes, a verdict was rendered for the defendant-Mr.

The main facts, as we understand them, are briefly these: A pauper, residing on the farm of Mr. Seaggs, was suffering with a diseased leg. and Mr. Seaggs sent for Dr. May, who, after an examination of it, said the limb, to save the wner's life, should be amputated; and, further n order to perform the operation, the patient must be removed to the Washington Infirmary. The leg was accordingly sawed off by the doctor, for which service he charged Mr. Scaggs one hundred dollars, contending that the latter gentleman life; that is, the sentence of death was commuted had become responsible for the payment of the money. Mr. Scaggs, on the contrary, maintained that he had paid the doctor a five-dollar fee for coming to see the pauper, and likewise the patient's board for six weeks in the Infirmary; and that the board included medical and surgical attendance.

Bradley for May, and Carlisle and Morgan for Mr. Scaggs.

Appointment.-The President of the United States has renewed the commission of William Thompson, esq., as a Justice of the Peace for the District of Columbia. Mr. Thompson was among the first victims of Know-nothing proscription the City Councils having elected a member of the ecret politico-religious order to take his place as police magistrate for the Fifth ward, and, beside deprived him of the patronage which he had, under successive city administrations, enjoyed as publisher of the official proceedings of the councils, and of the laws. This gentleman, who is the editor and publisher of the (Semi-weekly) Washington News, continues to deal hard blows at his Know-nothing enemy.

Accident .- While a lad. named George Dyson was, on Sunday, showing his pistol to another named Owen Thorn, the self-cocking instrumen went off; the load so lacerating the forefinger of Thorn's left hand that amputation of the limb beame necessary. These boys are scholars at tached to Wesley Chapel Sabbath school, and had, with other pupils, assembled in the room before the commencement of the afternoon services. It is almost unnecessary to say that the unfortunate occurrence caused not a little excitement on the

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Later from the Seat of War-Females or-dered to leave Sebastopol. The Military Gazette of Vienna contains a etter from Sebastopol, which states that General Ostensacken, on the 18th altimo, published an order of the day, enjoining all women to quit the town at once. The Grand Duke Nicholas, taking into consideration that a great number of these women possess nothing in the world, has been pleased to accord from his privy purse 100 rubles to each woman having family, to enable her to remove, and from 20 roubles to 50 rubles to each unmarried woman, according as the case might seem to require (the rouble is a little over 4f.) It was supposed that this order was given in anicipation of active hostilities on the point of being resumed.

The Skirmish of the Twenty-second. An officer of the Royal Artillery, writing o

the skirmish of the 22d March, says: The enemy attacked the French lines clos longside where he lay; a ravine only sepa rated them. They at first drove back the French and part of them then turned to their right crossed the ravine, and took our trench in flank We were unprepared, and at first thought the advancing body was one of the French. Bu Vicurs found out they were the Russians, and rdered his men to he down and wait till they came with within twenty paces, and they did so. When the enemy was close enough Vicars shouted, "Now, 97th, on your pins, and They poured in a volley, charged charge." and drove the Russians quite out of the trench Vicars himself struck down two Russians, and was in the act of cutting down a third with his sword, when another man, who was quite close for the coat was singed,) fired, and the ball entered his uplifted arm close to where it joins the shoulder, and he fell. The arteries were divided, and he must have bled to death in a

Thus his end was as peaceful and painless as soldier's death could be, and nothing could have been more nable devoted and glorious than his conduct in this, his first and last engagement. Poor fellow! he chose the psalms and lessons for the preceding day, and read the service, when several of us met together to worship God; all present must have noticed the fervor of his manner; little did we think he was so soon to be numbered with the dead. Colonel Kelly is a prisoner at Sebastopol slightly wounded. Captain Montague is a prisoner, and is not wounded.

The Siege of Schastopol The garrison of Sebastopol was on short raions, as the authorities preferred storing up their supplies in magazines to issuing full ra

Two fires had occurred in Balaklava-a cirumstance which excited suspicions of treachery. The Russians were concentrating themselves wards Baidar.

The allied generals were awaiting dispatches om home before beginning the bombardment. They were auxious to spare the public buildings. War Feeling in Russia.

Private letters from St. Petersburg state onfidently that the fanatical war party has completely got the upper hand, and that Alex ander II's throne would not be worth a week's purchase, if he were to attempt to thwart the current of national feeling. The rich nobles who in their hearts long for peace, and will be the greatest sufferers by the war, are compelled to swell the popular cry. They offer large conributions in the hope of averting a sweeping ad valorem property tax amounting to confis cation. The Peace Prospects.

From the following remarks in the Paris leter of the London Times, the English govern-

ment would appear to less pacifically inclined than has recently been supposed: What you have mentioned concerning the disposition of M. Drouyn de Lhuys to accept concessions scarcely compatible with the previous policy and attitude of the allied powers, has been confirmed to me in a quarter entitled to respect. Finding that his opinions were not shared by the English government, it is said that he informed the Emperor of the fact, who, without hesitation, instructed his minister, to adopt in every respect the views of Lord Clarendon, and with this determination M. Drouvn de Lhuys set out for Vienna.

A letter from Vienna, April 8th, says "Prince Gortschakoff and M. Titoff continue to assure his Majesty and Count Buol that Russia is prepared to make great concessions for the sake of peace, but the Austrian authorities are well aware that they regularly receive reports from the numerous Russian agents who, n Servia, Montenegro, Albania, Roumelia, &c., are preparing the Greek Christians to make a diversion in favor of Russia, 'should it become requisite."

Russian Officers Shot.

Admiral Istomine was killed by a shell in the Malakhoff battery-the same person who was well known to Sir Edmund Lyons and who exchanged presents-"a cheese for a deer"-some time back. The Russian captain (Kowseloff) who was on board the Agamemnon some time, and was ultimately exchanged for Lord Dunkellin, was shot forty-eight hours after he was landed for having been captured drunk. The Czar Alexander.

A letter from St. Petersburgh, of March 31, in the Borsonhalle of Hamburg, says: "The Emperor Alexander has the intention to visit Finland, it is said, and in particular Helsignfors, with his bother Nicholas, before the commencement of operations in the Baltic The militia of St. Petersburg are to assemble shortly, under the command of Prince Schakowski, when the Emperor will pass them in review. To day an ordinance has been pubished concerning the beard of the soldiers. The Emperor has designed to order-1st. That the soldiers who mount guard on week days shall not be required to dve either their hair or whiskers: and 2d. On Sundays and feastdays they must mount guard with their hair and whiskers waxed and dressed."

The Russians at Simpheropol. A private letter from Simpherobol, published n the Vienna Presse, and dated March 8, mentions, amongst other matters, that the city is almost entirely converted into a place d'armes,

none but soldiers are to be seen. The high prices of provisions are quite be yond the means of the civil officials, who can only afford to purchase provisions absolutely indispensable. The churches are thronged with supplicants, who pray fervantly for peace I saw a young woman from Sebastopol, tinues the writer, "who had been kneeling al the morning, praying God to end the war

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Three Creole gentlemen were in prison, charged with beating four Spanish officers of

Several of the Civil Guard are reported to have been assassinated in the streets. It was reported on the 24th Commodore McCauley had effected a settlement with Gen Concha, of the difficulties between the United States and the Cuban authorities. Courier's correspondent, however, doubts this, believing that General Concha has no authority

to treat. The Guards had all been withdrawn from

he ship Thomas Church. Pinelo and Cadalgo embarked on the 23d for Spain. General Concha had invited Commodore

McCauley to a grand banquet. Sugars and Molasses were advancing. Freights were active. KEY WEST, April 25 .- The brig Horatio was picked up on the 22d, off Sand Key and towed into Key West, stripped of everything, and

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paper, 64 inches by 33 in. square, per M 5,000 white adhesive letter envelopes, very smooth and thick, 6 1-5 inches by 31 inches square, per M ,000 white adhesive letter envelopes, very

smooth and thick, 51 inches by 3 1-4 inches square, per M 5,000 cloth lined adhesive letter envelopes, pe 5,000 buff adhesive letter envelopes, very smooth

5,000 De La Rue's thick white note envelope adhesive, to suit the double thick note paper, per M 5,000 amber-colored adhesive envelopes, to suit

and thick, same size, per M

the Bath paper, per M 5,000 amber-colored adhesive envelopes, to suit the note paper, per M 50,000 large white adhesive note envelopes, t suit the large note paper, per M

20,000 small white adhesive note envelopes, t suit the small note paper, per M 10,000 envelopes, to suit the fancy note paper per M 5,000 white embossed card envelopes, per M 5,000 plain white adhesive card envelopes, pe

10,000 medium size white adhesive envelopes for documents, very thick, smooth, and tough, per M 5,000 medium size cloth-lined adhesive envelopes, per M

dium size buff adhesive envelopes, fo documents, very thick, smooth, and tough. medium buff envelopes, for documents

very thick, smooth, and tough, not adhe sive, per M sive, per M
The adhesive envelopes must be thickly gummed, a fourth of an inch wide, round the lappels. By the act approved June 17, 1844, the Secretary of the Senate is "directed to confine his purchases exclusively to articles of the growth and manufacture of the United States, provided the same can be procured of such growth and manufacture of suitable quality and at reasonable rices, upon as good terms as to quality and price as can be obtained of foreign growth and manu-facture." A preference will therefore be given to the productions of American industry; and all persons making proposals to supply any article will state whether the same is of the growth and

manufacture of the United States. The articles must be delivered at the office of the Secretary of the Senate at Washington, free of any charge for carriage, on or before the 10th September next.

Every article must be of the very best quality, unss an inferior article is called for.

The right is expressly reserved, in case it shall be necessary, to order, upon giving reasonable notice, any additional quantity of any or all of said that may be required for the use of the

Senate during the thirty-fourth Congress. A sufficient specimen of each article proposed for (of paper half a quire, and of envelopes 25) is to accompany the proposal, and to be marked with the name of the proposer, and the price of the article. The whole of each article specified in the freegoing list will be deemed a class; and the person offering to furnish any such class at the lowest price (quantity considered) will receive a contract for the same, on executing bond, with two or more sureties satisfactory to the Secretary of the Senate, for the performance thereof, under a forfeiture of twice the contract price in case of failure, which bond is to be filed in the office of the

said Secretary within ten days after the proposals have been accepted. If any article contracted for should not be delivered within the time stipulated, or should be inferior in any respect to the sample, the bond of the contractor will be put in suit.

Proposals should be endorsed "Proposals for stationery for the Senate," and be directed to the Secretary of the Senate at Washington. Proposals and specimens must be delivered a the office free of charge.

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THE LAMPLIGHTER .- A fresh supply just received. Also, Life and Sayings of Mrs. Partington, and

others of the Family, edited by B. P. Shellaber, or the Boston Post. My Schools and Schoolmasters; or the Story of my Education, by Hugh Miller, author of the Footprints of the Creator, &c.

Woman's Influence and Woman's Mission.

The Lady's Equestrian Manual, in which the principles and practice of Horsemanship for Ladies are thoroughly explained, to enable every Lady to ride with comfort and elegance. Just received and for sale at the bookstore of R. FARNHAM,

Corner of 11th street and Penn. avenue. OVERLAND AND FOREIGN CORRESpondence.—Taylor & Maury have just im-orted a small lot of the celebrated Overland and Foreign Corsespondence Paper, which will tound of an unusually fine quality.

T) IANOS, PIANOS!-We have now in store the largest and most reliable stock of Pianos ever offered in this city, from the justly renowned manufactories of Hallet, Davis & Co Boston; Bacon & Raven, New York; and Knabe. Gaehle & Co., Baltimore; ranging in prices from \$225 to \$500. In addition to those in store, we have on exhi

bition at the Metropolitan Mechanics' Fair, at the Smithsonian Institute, four superb Pianos, made expressly to our order for this Exhibition, any of which we will dispose of on reasonable terms. Also on hand, Guitars, Violins, Flutes, Accord-Also on hand, Guitars, Violins, Flutes, Accordeons, Melodeons, Banjos, Strings, Music, &c.
Remember, at the Piano, Music, Stationery, Pertumery, and Fancy Goods Store of
JOHN F. ELLIS,

306 Penn avenue, near 10th street.

WANDERINGS IN CORSICA; Corsica; Picturesque, Historical, and Social; with a Picturesque, Historical, and Social; with a Sketch of the Early Life of Napoleon, translated from the German by Edward Joy Morris. Price

Lectures on English Literature, from Chancer Tennyson, by Henry Reed. Price \$1 25.

Just published, and for sale at

TAYLOR & MAURY'S

150 cards Phineas's long-point bronze steel TRAVELING AND POST OFFICE IN-

For Baltimore The cars leave Washington daily at 6 and 8½ A. M., and 3 and 4½ P. M., except Sunday, on which day they leave at 6 A. M. and 4½ P. M.

For Alexandria, The Washington and Alexandria hourly. Fare five cents.

For Rockville,

The stage leaves the office, corner of D and 5th treets, every morning at 7 o'clock. Fare \$1. For Upper Marlboro', The stage leaves the office, northwest corner of and 8th streets, every morning at 7 o'clock.

For Gordonsville, The cars leave Alexandria daily, at 7½ o'clock, for Gordonsville and intermediate places For Richmond.

For Leesburg,
The stage leaves the office, United States Hotel very Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

California Steamers.

The regular mail steamers leave New York on the 5th and 20th of each month. Persons desirous of writing from this city should mail their letters on the 3d and 18th of each month, by 2 P. M.

P. M. and 9 P. M. The Great Southern Mail is opened at 8 A. M., and closes at 6 P. M. The Southern Mail, as far

The Northwestern Mail is open at half-past 7 . M., closes at 3 P. M. The Western Mail is open at 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Norion Mail arrives at 11 o clock, P. M., closes at 2 P. M., daily, except Sundays.

The California Mail, direct, closes here on the 3d and 18th of each month, at 2 P. M.

The Warrenton Mail arrives at 11 o'clock, A. M., closes at 10 A. M.

Rates of Postage: Each half ounce, under 3,000 miles, prepaid, 3 ents.

ents. All printed matter in general-anywhere in the First three ounces..... 1 cent

Each half ounce, prepaid, over 3,000 miles, 10

Newspapers and Periodicals-paid quarterly 

Small Newspapers and Periodicals-pub shed monthly or oftener, when sent in packages veighing at least 8 oz., prepaid, 1 cent per oz.

Pamphlets of 16 octavo pages or less, 1 cent n ounce. Books, bound or unbound, weighing not more an 4 pounds, may be sent by mail, for each oz., s follows: Juder 3,000 miles, prepaid, 1 cent. Unpaid, 14 ct.

Movements of the Ocean Steamers. FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Skips. Leaves. For. Date.
Asia...Boston...Liverpool...April 11
Baltic...New York..Liverpool...April 18 FROM EUROPE. Washington . Bremen, &c. New York ... . Mar. 28 America ... Liverpool ... Boston ... ... Mar. 31 Nashville ... New York ... Liverpool ... April 7 The California Mail Steamers sail from

RECULATIONS CONCERNING HACKS AND HACKMEN.

How to Know who the Hackman is .- All hacks are required to be licensed, and to have the num-ber of their licenses to be painted in black figures of not less than two inches in depth, on the front and side of each lamp attached to such carriage;

in case any stranger or other pc self aggrieved by any hack-driver, let him obtain the number of the hack. How to reach him with the law is hereafter pointed out.
RATES OF FARE ALLOWED BY LAW.—For each

utes, driver to be allowed, in addi-

of fare allowed are as follows: For each passenger for not over one 

For detentions, for each quarter of an hour...... 183 "
Rights of Persons Hiring Hacks.—When more than two persons are in a hack the driver is not permitted to take up another passenger without the consent of persons already in his hack.

When any number of persons employ a hack the driver is not allowed to take up any other passenger, provided the occupant will pay him the

fare of three persons.

Hackmen are allowed to receive a greater compensation than is fixed by law if it be voluntarily offered by the passenger; but if he receive the same without informing the passenger that it is greater than his legal fare, he is guilty of having

demanded the illegal fare.
In Cases of Refusal by Hackmen to Take Pas-SENGERS.—Hackmen are required by law to carry all passengers rendering them the legal fare, unless previously engaged for the time necessary to transport passengers offering him the fare, penalty of five dellars. When a hackman shall refuse to take passen-

If it should appear that the plea of a previous engagement was a false one, or that the informa-tion of the name and residence of the person given by the hackman was false, then the hackman

the sum allowed by law.

Where illegal fare is demanded or received of a

Strights.—The rates of fare and all the other con-

DRIVERS.-No person under sixteen years of age s allowed by law to drive any hack, cab, or sleigh or hire in this city, under a penalty of five dollars.

How to VINDICATE THE LAW.—Strangers and others arriving in the city by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, who shall apply to a hackman for the use of his vehicle and be refused, or who shall be asked and required to pay over and above the legal rates of fare, will observe the number on the hack, and immediately inform the police officer whose duty it is to be in attendance at the depot.

depot to execute the law in this respect he knows will be followed promptly by his dismissal.

Strangers reaching the depot from steamboats or other places from whom illegal fare is demanded will apply to the police officer in attendance, whose duty it is to ascertain whether the fare demanded

U NDER GARMENTS just received.—I have just opened a full supply of Gentle-nen's Under Shirts and Drawers, silk, merino, ambswool, Scotch do., Shaker, and Canton Flan nels, &c., which I am now prepared to dispose of

LANE'S Gentlemen's Furnishing Store

PROPOSALS FOR STATIONERY.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE. N pursuance of the "Act legalizing and making appropriations for such necessary objects as have been usually included in the general appropriation bills without authority of law, and fix and provide for certain incidental expense of the departments and offices of the government and for other purposes," approved the 26th of August, 1842, sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock, a. m., on Monday, the 21st of May next, for furnishing the following articles of stationery for the use of the Senate, each article to be of the very best quality, and to be ap

50 reams hardware paper, very tough, and with very smooth surface; the size to be 26 by 32 inches, and to weigh not less than 45 pounds to the ream 500 sheets prepared parchment, 16 by 22 inches square, of the very best quality, per

proved by the Secretary, viz:

2 reams engrossing paper, very smooth and thick, 26 by 19 inches when trimmed, per ream

50 reams cartridge paper, very tough and with very smooth surface; the size to be 21 inches by 25 inches, and to weigh not less than 26 pounds to the ream, per ream 500 reams cartridge paper, very tough, and

with very smooth surface; the size to be 19 inches by 24 inches, and to weigh not

less than 23 pounds to the ream, per ream 100 reams white soft wrapping paper, per ream
10 reams white single flat cap paper, satin

finish, per ream 5 reams white legal cap paper, satin finish, faint lined, of the very best quality, pe ream 50 reams white cap paper, satin finish, faint lined, of the very best quality, per ream 5 reams white cap paper, satin finish, of the very best quality plain, per ream

50 reams white vellum cap paper, satin finish second quality faint lined 10 reams white vellum cap paper, satin finish. second quality plain
50 reams white laid 4to, post paper, highly

glazed and hard calendered, gilt, faint lined, and to weigh not less than 9 pounds to the ream reams white vellum 4to, post paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, fain lined, of the very best quality 20 reams white laid 4to post paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, and to weigh not less than 9 pounds to the

ream 10 reams small size white laid letter paper. highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt of the very best quality 20 reams white vellum 4to, post paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, of the

very best quality 20 reams white laid Bath post paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, faint lined, and to weigh not less than 7 pounds to the ream reams white vellum Bath post paper, highly glazed, and hard calendered, gilt, fain lined, of the very best qualty

20 reams white laid Bath post paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt. and to weigh not less than 7 pounds to the 20 reams Albambra Bath paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, faint bined, of the very best quality 10 reams Albambra Bath paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, of the very best

quality 10 reams amber Bath paper, highly glazed and bard calendered, faint lined, very best quality
5 reams amber Bath paper, highly glazed and
hard calendered, of the very best quality 20 reams white vellum Bath post paper, high-ly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, of the

very best quality 10 reams blue vellum 4to post paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, fain lined, of the very oest quality 10 reams De la Rue's double thick cream-laid large note paper, of the very best quality 20 reams white vellum large note paper, high ly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, faint

glazed, hard calendered, gilt, faint lined and to weigh not less than 4 pounds to the ream 20 reams white laid large note paper, highly

20 reams white vellum small note paper, high

5 reams amber note paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, of the very best quality 20 reams fancy note paper, of different kinds,

6 dozen quarto portfellos with locks, per

6 dozen pearl folders, per dozen 12 dozen ivory folders, 9 inches long and ounces to the dozen, per dozen 10 dozen ivory handle wafer stamps, che

10 pounds wax tapers, per pound

dozen bronze letter clips dozen standishes, with pump inkstands, (or with cut-glass inkstands with binge tops.) and with sand and wafer boxes, and pen-

5 dozen small size fancy inkstands, per 2 dozen bronze spring-top inkstands, per

3 dozen wafer boxes, per dozen 6 dozen pieces best quality office taste, per 5 gross red tape, No. 23, per gross 5 gross red tape. No. 9, per gross 5 gross red tape, No. 13, per gross 6 dozen bronze spiral-spring letter balances,

morocco covers, per dozen 12 dozen cloth pen wipers, per dozen 5 pounds India rubber, 40 pieces to the

per dozen 150 cards Perry's three-point steel pens, others of like make and quality, per card 100 cards Perry's hne-point steel pens, or others of like make and quality, per card

75 cards Perry's side-spring steel pens. others of like make and quality, per card 50 cards Phineas's imitation quill pens, or others of like make and quality, per card

gross other steel pens, per gross gross large-barrel pen handles, rosewood per gross

gross steel-tipped pen handles, per gross

The boat leaves the wharf at the terminus of 12th street daily at 6 A. M., and 7 o'clock, P. M. 8 dozen half-pint bottles of black ink, of the very best quality, per dozen 1 dozen bottles red ink, per dozen 15 pounds medium size red waters, in squar

The Post Office.
The Northern and Eastern mail is opened at 8

South as Wilmington, North Carolina, arrives at half-past 3 P. M., closes at 9 P. M.

closes at 3 P. M.

The Norfolk Mail arrives at 11 o'clock, P. M.

The Warrenton Springs Mail arrives at 11 o'clock, A. M., closes at 10 A. M. and 9 P. M.

Each subsequent ounce...... 1 cent.
If not prepaid, double these rates.

Each subsequent ounce...... 1½ cent. And, if weighing not over 1½ oz., in the State where published, one-half of the above rates, and weekly papers, in the county where published

)ver Fractions over a single rate are charged as one "Periodicals, in the sense used above, are

or, if there be no lamps, the numbers shall be con-spicuously painted on each side of the driver's

passenger for any distance not over one mile and 

three miles..... 75 "

gers, on the plea of a previous engagement, he is required to give the name and residence of the person by whom he is so engaged, under a penalty

by the hackman was false, then the hackman incurs a penalty of five dollars.

Penalty for Demanding Illegal Fare.—The penalty for demanding a higher rate of fare for the transportation of passengers, is five dollars for each offence; and the person paying the illegal fare may recover back the amount over and above the manufacture of the large state.

stranger, or any person who shall not at the time have resided twelve months in the city, the pen-alty for so doing is double, or ten dollars for each ditions, terms, and penalties, prescribed by law for the regulation of hackney carriages, apply to all sleighs running for hire within the city of Wash-

That officer will protect the passenger from impo-sition, secure him a hack, and prosecute the of-Any refusal or neglect by the police officer at the

illegal, and if so, to prosecute the offending hackman.

at the most reasonable prices.